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Sir:

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1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-166936 dated June 20, 2000 together with English language translation.
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-037348 dated February 8, 2000 together with English language abstract and corresponding to U. S. Patent 6,352,503 B1 dated March 5, 2002 to Matsui et al.

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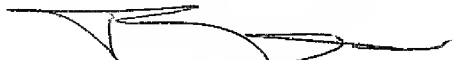
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Respectfully submitted,

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